

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL AND NOTICE OF APPEAL

Morrison. That process is indeed the object of the outstanding pending claims 37-49.

However, the Examiner seems to have been completely silent on that particular point in his Office Actions of April 01, 2003 and December 30, 2003.

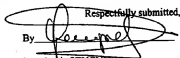
For these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner now reconsider and withdraw the rejection of 25-49 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over any of Takahashi et al. (U.S. 5,536,448) or Morrison et al. (U.S. 6,433,068) or Okumura et al. (U.S. 5,451,632).

In view of the preceding remarks, it is asserted that the patent application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any question concerning these remarks that would further advance prosecution of the claims to allowance, the examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned agent at (609) 860-4180. A notice of allowance is respectfully solicited.

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